

Letter from General Pierce.

The accompanying correspondence, which we find in the Washington Republic of Saturday, will commend itself to public attention. It embraces a letter from Gen. Pierce, exculpating himself from the charges founded upon the published reports of his New Boston speech, and giving his own version of his position before the country on the slavery question: To the Editor of the Republic:

Dear Sir: On the appearance in your paper of a charge intended, if not calculated seriously to impair and perchance to destroy the confidence of General Pierce's southern supporters in his soundness on the slavery question, I addressed him a letter, which, together with his reply, I now ask you, as an act of justice to publish.

I make this request, presuming your object, like mine, to have been the discovery of the truth.

Very respectfully, EDWIN DE LEON.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13, 1852.

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Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find an article, in which, as one of the editors of the Southern Press, of this city, I took issue with my colleague in advocacy of your claims to southern support for the Presidency. That action was predicated upon my belief of your entire soundness upon the slavery question. Within the last week, a speech purporting to have been delivered by you in January last, has been republished from two Democratic papers in your own State, (which are said now to support you.) On the truth or falsity of this, much depends. Neither those with whom I act, nor myself, can consent that any doubt should rest on a matter of such importance; but, placing full reliance on the fearless frankness of your character, on their behalf and my own, I respectfully ask of you whether that report, which your southern supporters believe to be without foundation as opposed to your previous course is correct?

The peculiar position which I occupy must plead my apology for troubling you with this letter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, EDWIN DE LEON.

Gen. F. PIERCE, Concord, N. H.

CONCORD, N. H., July 23, 1852.

My Dear Sir: Surrounded by pressing engagements, I seize the earliest opportunity to reply to your letter of the 17th instant. I much regret that any thing connected with myself should have been the cause of disagreement between you and gentlemen with whom you have been associated in the editorial department of the Southern Press. I do not remember ever to have seen what purports to be a report of a speech delivered by me at New Boston, in this State, in January last, until my attention was called to it as republished in the Republic. The pretended report is, as I presume was designed to be, an entire misrepresentation. It is not merely untrue, but is so grossly and absurdly false as to render, in this vicinity, any denial of its authenticity entirely unnecessary. The two papers quoted—the Independent Democrat, published in this place, and the Democrat published in Manchester—are thoroughly abolition journals, and have been and are zealously opposed to the Democratic party. For a long time prior to the meeting at New Boston, and ever since, they have been unsparing in their attacks upon me personally, and in their bitter denunciation of what they have been pleased to term my pro-slavery sentiments. But it would be something new for either of these papers to deny the consistency of my opinions upon the subject of the constitutional rights of the South in relation to slavery. My opinions and the avowal of them have been everywhere the same. Ever mindful of the difficulties and dangers which so long brooded over the assemblage of wise men and pure patriots to whose spirit of concession and earnest efforts we are indebted for the Constitution under which we have enjoyed such signal prosperity, advancement and happiness, I have regarded the subject as too vital and delicate to be used as an element of sectional appeal in party conflicts. My action and my language in New Hampshire, touching this matter, have been at all times and under all circumstances, in entire accordance with my action and language at Washington. My votes in the Senate and House of Representatives were for the first time. They have been again and again paraded to arouse the passions and prejudices of our people against me individually, and against the party with which it has been my pride and pleasure to act. There has been no attempt to evade the force of the record. It has been at all times freely admitted, and my position sustained upon grounds satisfactory to my own mind. I am not surprised to know that the attempt to prove me an abolitionist provokes much merriment among men of all parties here; and this weak and untruthful sketch of what purports to be my speech, is really too ridiculous to be considered in any serious light.

I am in the daily receipt of letters propounding the greatest variety of curious questions, upon all conceivable subjects. Letters of this character cannot be answered of course. No individual could command either the time or strength the herculean task would require. I may add, that such a correspondence would by no means comport with my views of duty. The Democratic party sent its delegates to Baltimore not alone to nominate candidates, but to reaffirm principles and to present the leading issues upon which the canvass should be conducted.

If I could deem myself capable of improving the platform there adopted, it is quite certain that I should decline, either at the call of individuals or associations, to incur the charge of arrogance to which any attempt to alter, amend or enlarge it, would inevitably subject me.

Your letter is of an entirely different character. It seeks truth in relation to an alleged fact, it speaks of history, to which too searching an appeal cannot be made. I appreciate the estimate you seem to have of my character for directness; and beg you to accept my thanks for your efforts to vindicate my claim to that trait, at least before the public.

I am, with high esteem, your most obedient servant, FRANK PIERCE.

EDWIN DE LEON, Washington, D. C.

THE BOOK CONCERN.—The following extract from one of the New York letters of an exchange, accounts for the delay in adjusting the question of dividing the Methodist Book Concern situated in New York:

"The long-pending difficulty between the Methodist Churches, North and South, in respect to the mammoth Book Concern in this city, has not yet been finally disposed of, although the principle involved was decided by the United States Circuit Court in favor of the Church South—and the Church North has determined not to appeal. The cause of the delay is said to be the confused state of the accounts of their concern, which the most skillful bookkeepers find it difficult to unravel; and, until these accounts are straightened out, it will be impossible to ascertain the value of the concern. The fact is, the Book Concern has been in the hands of the most stupid and incompetent men that could have been called from the whole field of the Methodist denomination. They may have been abundantly blessed with piety, but they have not had the least modicum of business tact, and have gone on, heaping blunder upon blunder, until the financial department is in almost inextricable confusion. The best way to settle the matter would be to sell out the whole concern to the highest bidder, and to divide the proceeds."

CHERRY AND DARLINGTON RAIL ROAD.—It is our pleasure, this week, to make the gratifying announcement, that the requisite amount of stock necessary to secure the charter of the above road, and for the organization of the Company, has been subscribed. We look upon this as the most important event to the people of this section of country, which has occurred within the recollection of the "oldest inhabitant." The upper Piedmont country abounds in unavailable resources which the completion of this and the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road must develop and make valuable. The securing of the charter, and the organization of the Company, with the spirit manifested, we feel an ample guarantee for the completion of the road, at the earliest possible moment. Indeed, it only remains for the stockholders, who are to meet in this place, as will be seen by reference to the advertisement of the Commissioners, on the 31st inst., to elect a Board of Directors imbued with their own spirit, to remove all doubt. That they will do this, we feel confidently assured.—Cherry Gazette.

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